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REMARKS

In the last Office Action, the Examiner withdrew claims 10, 11, 13, 28, 29 and 33-40 from further consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 1-5 and 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Williams et al. (US 2004/0060840 A1). Claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Williams et al. in view of Elias (USPN 6,868,627). Claims 8, 9, 12, 27 and 30-32 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 14-23 were allowed by the Examiner.

Applicants and applicants' counsel note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter concerning claims 8, 9, 12, 14-23, 27 and 30-32.

In accordance with this response, independent claims 1 and 24 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claims 8 and 27, respectively, which have been canceled. Claim 9 has been canceled in light of the cancellation of claim 8. Allowable claims 12 and 30 have been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the subject matter of corresponding base claims 1 and 24. By the

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foregoing amendments, independent claims 1, 12, 24, 30 and corresponding dependent claims 2-7, 25-26 and 31-32 have been presented in allowable form.

Non-elected claims 10, 11, 13, 28, 29 and 33-40 have been canceled without prejudice or admission, and subject to applicants' right to file a continuing application to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

New claims 41-45 have been added to provide a fuller scope of coverage. Claims 41-42, 43 and 44-45 depend on and contain all of the limitations of allowable claims 1, 12 and 24, respectively, and, therefore, are also allowable.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration together with passage of the application to issue are respectfully requested.

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